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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
INTERSWITCH LOAD BALANCING IN A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.